

1. (Currently Amended) A rapidly disintegrable solid preparation having no roughness and improved chalky taste which comprises (i) a pharmacologically active ingredient, (ii) a sugar and (iii) a low-substituted hydroxypropylcellulose having 5% by weight or more to less than 7% by weight of hydroxypropoxyl group; **wherein said solid preparation is buccally dissolved in from about 5 to about 50 seconds.**
2. (Original) A preparation of Claim 1, which is an orally rapidly disintegrable solid preparation.
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Original) A preparation of Claim 1, wherein the sugar is a sugar alcohol.
5. (Original) A preparation of Claim 4, wherein the sugar alcohol is mannitol or erythritol.
6. (Original) A preparation of Claim 1, wherein the sugar is in an amount of 5 to 97 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of the solid preparation.
7. (Original) A preparation of Claim 1, wherein the low-substituted hydroxypropylcellulose having 5% by weight or more to less than 7 % by weight of hydroxypropoxyl group is used in an amount of 3 to 50 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of the solid preparation.
8. (Cancelled)
9. (Currently Amended) A rapidly disintegrable solid preparation which comprises (a) voglibose, (ii) a sugar and (iii) a low-substituted hydroxypropylcellulose having 5% by weight or more to less than 7% by weight of hydroxypropoxyl groups; **wherein said solid preparation is buccally dissolved in from about 5 to about 50 seconds.**

10. (Currently Amended) A rapidly disintegrable solid preparation which comprises (a) manidipine hydrochloride, (ii) a sugar and (iii) a low-substituted hydroxypropylcellulose having 5% by weight or more to less than 7% by weight of hydroxypropoxyl groups; wherein said solid preparation is buccally dissolved in from about 5 to about 50 seconds.

11. (Currently Amended) A rapidly disintegrable solid preparation which comprises (a) pioglitazone hydrochloride, (ii) a sugar and (iii) a low-substituted hydroxypropylcellulose having 5% by weight or more to less than 7% by weight of hydroxypropoxyl groups; wherein said solid preparation is buccally dissolved in from about 5 to about 50 seconds.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Original) A preparation of Claim ~~3~~ 1, which comprises fine granules.

14. (Original) A preparation of Claim 13, wherein the pharmacologically active ingredient is comprised in fine granules of the solid preparation.

15. (Original) A preparation of Claim 14, wherein (i) a sugar and (ii) a low-substituted hydroxypropylcellulose having 5% by weight or more to less than 7% by weight of hydroxypropoxyl group are comprised in the solid preparation separately from fine granules.

16. (Original) A preparation of Claim 15, wherein the sugar is in an amount of 5 to 97 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of the rest of the solid preparation other than the fine granules.

17. (Original) A preparation of Claim 15, wherein the low-substituted hydroxypropylcellulose having 5% by weight or more to less than 7% by weight of hydroxypropoxyl group is in an amount of 3 to 50 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of the rest of the solid preparation other than the fine granules.

18. (Currently Amended) A method for preparing a rapidly disintegrable solid preparation having no roughness and improved chalky taste comprising combining a low-substituted hydroxypropyl cellulose having 5% to less than 7% by weight of hydroxypropoxyl groups, a pharmacologically active ingredient and a sugar; wherein said solid preparation is buccally dissolved in from about 5 to about 50 seconds.

19. (Currently Amended) A method for improving a solid preparation comprising combining a pharmacologically active ingredient and a sugar with a low-substituted hydroxypropylcellulose having 5% by weight or more to less than 7% by weight of hydroxypropoxyl groups to form a solid preparation, wherein said preparation has no roughness and improved chalky taste; wherein said solid preparation is buccally dissolved in from about 5 to about 50 seconds.

20. (Currently Amended) A method for treating digestive ulcer, gastritis or reflux esophagitis comprising administering to a mammal in need thereof a pharmaceutically effective amount of a rapidly disintegrable solid preparation of a low-substituted hydroxypropyl cellulose having 5% to less than 7% by weight of hydroxypropoxyl groups, a pharmacologically active ingredient and a sugar; wherein said solid preparation is buccally dissolved in from about 5 to about 50 seconds.

21. (Currently Amended) An orally disintegrable tablet comprising:  
a pharmacologically active ingredient;  
a sugar; and  
a low-substituted hydroxypropylcellulose having 5 to 7 % by weight of hydroxypropoxyl groups;  
wherein said tablet is improved in chalky taste and has no roughness;  
and wherein said tablet is buccally dissolved in from about 5 to about 50 seconds.

22. (NEW) An orally disintegrable tablet comprising:

fine granules of a pharmacologically active ingredient,

said granules having a core and at least one layer coating said core;

a sugar; and

a low-substituted hydroxypropylcellulose having 5 to 7 % by weight of hydroxypropoxyl groups;

wherein said tablet is improved in chalky taste and has no roughness.

23. (NEW) The tablet of claim 22 wherein said fine granules are enteric-coated fine granules.

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24. (NEW) An orally disintegrable tablet comprising:

fine granules of a pharmacologically active ingredient,

said granules having a core and at least one layer coating said core;

a sugar; and

a low-substituted hydroxypropylcellulose having 5 to 7 % by weight of hydroxypropoxyl groups;

wherein said low-substituted hydroxypropyl cellulose is separate from said fine granules in said tablet;

wherein said tablet is improved in chalky taste and has no roughness.